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| 2a) This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) This   | action is non-final.   |   |             |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowan  | ce except for formal matters, pr   | osecution as to the r   | nerits is   |
| closed in accordance with the practice under E   | x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 4  | 53 O.G. 213.  |             |
| Disposition of Claims  |  |   |             |
| 4) Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.  |  |   |             |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw  | vn from consideration.   |   |             |
| 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.  |  |   |             |
| 6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.   |  |   |             |
| 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.  |  |   |             |
| 8) Claim(s) <u>1-52</u> are subject to restriction and/or e  | election requirement.  |   |             |
| Application Papers   |  |   |             |
| 9) The specification is objected to by the Examine   | г.   |   | 2           |
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| a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:   |  | , ( , ( ,   |             |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Election/Restrictions

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - Claims 1-45, and 47-51, are drawn to shoulder restraint system, classified in class
     297, subclass 486.
  - II. Claims 46 and 52 are drawn to an anti-submarine seat belt assembly, classified in class 297, subclass 216.1.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

- 2. Inventions Group I and Group II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention Group I has separate utility such as a restraint on a roller coaster seat. See MPEP § 806.05(d).
- 3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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